

## DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA AUGUST 1989

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- n.a. not available
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# PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a)		Electricity		Gas (c)		Raw steel		Cement		Motor vehicles (d)		Total Electric motors (g)		Four weeks ended	Coal (e)
	'000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	mil. kWh		mil. megajoules		'000 tonnes		'000 tonnes		'000		July 1989 '000			
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1987-88— June	25,671	38.7	12,104	11,243	50,610	44,101	536	532	586	584	28.3	26.0	269	25.5	1987-88— May 28 June 25	14,863 10,111
1988-89— July	42.4	12,634	11,067	54,766	44,349	555	521	556	537	26.0	23.4	252	246	1988-89— July 23	12,073	
August	41.3	12,772	11,679	54,687	46,695	565	532	604	581	31.4	26.7	286	259	August 20	17,029	
September	24,665	40.8	11,764	11,772	48,693	45,332	564	536	610	37.4	30.8	27.2	294	253	September 17	16,331
October	39.7	11,956	12,116	41,409	42,487	573	566	584	547	30.1	26.7	249	216	October 15	13,374	
November	40.5	11,646	12,226	42,311	45,547	569	587	613	578	34.1	29.1	302	253	November 12	13,997	
December	22,085	44.9	11,750	12,355	40,138	46,898	588	596	594	581	23.8	26.9	240	248	December 10	14,797
January	35.6	11,485	12,307	37,782	46,449	546	555	415	603	7.9	26.6	131	272	January 14	10,773	
February	38.8	11,198	12,400	37,507	45,044	523	590	586	600	27.2	28.5	285	295	February 11	14,903	
March	24,517	40.7	12,265	12,444	41,992	44,835	560	555	621	26.6	26.0	246	253	March 11	15,748	
April	42.2	11,704	12,428	41,995	46,114	558	612	539	537	27.3	29.0	230	260	April 8	12,962	
May	46.6	12,419	11,992	49,913	46,301	487	472	595	585	31.3	27.7	289	283	May 6	13,517	
June	26,460	46.0	13,259	12,374	58,119	51,002	514	502	595	595	32.6	30.3	273	260	June 3	14,335
1989-90— July	43.9	13,908	12,232	62,337	50,681	(f)	(f)	637	618	30.1	27.1	240	242	July 1	14,113	
August	n.y.a.	13,814	12,631	62,786	53,536			635	603	32.7	26.9	269	236	July 29	n.y.a.	

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite. (f) Production figures no longer available from July 1989. (g) Electric Motors under 720w no longer collected in this format from July 1989.

## PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling)		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing)		Man-made fibre-cloth		Price index manufacturing division (b) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)	Meat		Whole milk intake by factories (c)		Brokers and dealers' receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	'000 sq m	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts received by tonnes	% of total receipts received by broker (d)	Original	Seas. adj.
1987-88—															
June	3,396	3,104	827	816	16,122	14,017	507.8	185	178	290	509	34,107	85.6	48,054	48,459
1988-89—															
July	3,869	3,142	847	867	15,890	14,545	509.6	166	165	341	505	56,656	85.0		
August	3,568	3,136	832	836	17,365	15,070	513.8	200	195	494	514	105,658	85.0		
September	3,637	3,073	888	864	17,031	15,253	517.2	213	211	670	518	120,956	85.3	49,913	49,717
October	3,045	2,926	894	857	15,659	14,555	519.7	197	192	786	511	131,152	85.0		
November	3,030	3,089	995	797	18,273	16,446	520.3	219	207	738	506	103,468	83.7		
December	2,394	2,866	677	861	13,875	16,161	521.0	178	200	693	515	63,134	84.2	50,651	50,610
January	1,951	3,382	498	822	7,394	23,571	523.7	161	181	624	525	50,961	87.3		
February	2,832	2,890	797	730	16,872	16,215	529.0	188	195	475	530	160,449	87.6		
March	3,033	2,821	832	748	16,753	15,575	532.6	192	182	430	540	159,127	88.1	51,924	51,742
April	2,994	3,009	665	707	14,635	15,480	536.1	177	177	373	571	47,336	83.8		
May	3,638	3,127	795	729	18,006	16,744	543.1	199	186	351	576	146,634	85.9		
June	1,342	2,963	827	786	18,471	15,773	545.4	196	199	307	538	141,969	83.3	52,962	53,431
1989-90—															
July	3,536	3,012	767	822	16,307	15,360	n.y.a.	200	204	351	521	143,101	n.y.a.	578.1	
August	3,074	2,617	823	718	16,081	13,915	n.y.a.	215	212	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	

(a) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (d) Member of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia.

## FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Value of total exports (a)(b) \$m	Value of total imports (a)(b) \$m	Values at average 1984-85 prices \$m		Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100.0)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments— current transactions \$m		Official reserves assets (c) \$m
			Exports f.o.b. Seas. adj.	Imports f.o.b. Seas. adj.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	
1987-88— June	3,469	3,324	8,451	-8,629	282	159.6	-135	-956	20,182
1988-89— July	3,177	3,635			280		-684	-1,460	20,226
August	3,531	3,823			279		-577	-1,377	20,176
September	3,449	3,270	8,553	-9,269	280	152.5	-292	-1,048	20,628
October	3,476	3,782			277		-868	-1,742	20,118
November	3,627	4,313			276		-659	-1,480	19,499
December	3,693	3,268	8,647	-10,183	271	149.9	-134	-1,043	19,772
January	3,518	4,868			270		-625	-1,616	18,790
February	3,541	3,886			280		-340	-1,251	20,888
March	3,433	3,757	8,646	-11,127	284	147.9	-641	-1,732	19,509
April	3,962	4,005			293		-262	-1,337	20,245
May	4,045	4,664			300		-987	-2,019	20,223
June	4,006	4,193	8,891	-11,452	p301	n.y.a.	-652	-1,777	20,410
1989-90— July	4,070	4,165			p304		-947	-1,812	20,765
August	3,857	5,049			n.y.a.		-1,748	-2,580	20,705

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Total exports and imports for periods from 1 July 1987 includes exports and imports of gold coins, whether or not they are legal tender, and other coins which are legal tender. See Appendix A of the January issues of *Exports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables* (5432.0) and *Imports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables* (5433.0). (c) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

## RETAIL TRADE

Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) (a) \$m

Month	Current prices			Average 1984-85 prices		Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists		Department stores		New motor cars and station wagons registered (000)		Other new motor vehicles registered (b) (000)	
	Trend estimate			Seas adj.		Trend estimate		Trend estimate		Seas adj.		Seas adj.	
	Original	Seas adj.	Trend estimate	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.
1987-88—													
June	5,870	16,213	16,081	13,623	14,141	1,609	1,653	710	738	36.8	33.5	9.6	8.1
1988-89—													
July	5,848	6,105	6,118			1,610	1,666	673	744	32.3	32.8	7.9	7.5
August	5,878	6,069	6,156			1,654	1,682	640	753	37.1	33.7	9.1	8.6
September	6,101	6,229	6,198	13,654	14,075	1,700	1,702	711	763	40.5	39.2	9.6	9.7
October	6,187	6,289	6,248			1,706	1,723	718	770	36.4	38.2	9.6	10.1
November	6,504	6,254	6,309			1,759	1,747	856	775	42.2	40.8	10.8	11.0
December	6,787	6,331	6,375	16,251	14,310	2,085	1,768	1,545	774	39.4	39.3	10.0	11.3
January	6,133	6,540	6,436			1,726	1,786	621	768	27.5	33.8	7.9	10.1
February	5,680	6,451	6,489			1,674	1,799	543	762	34.9	38.7	10.2	11.2
March	6,461	6,590	6,543	13,688	14,648	1,895	1,811	707	760	41.5	40.1	11.5	11.4
April	6,215	6,590	6,601			1,762	1,822	686	762	34.1	36.4	9.9	9.8
May	6,502	6,490	6,661			1,782	1,833	752	767	40.2	36.3	12.5	10.8
June	16,547	6,851	6,721	14,145	14,642	1,818	1,845	774	772	42.2	39.3	12.1	10.3
1989-90—													
July	6,444	6,826	6,771	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1,810	1,856	704	779	44.0	41.4	10.0	9.4
August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	44.2	41.7	12.6	12.0

(a) Series based on 1985-86 Retail Census, excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

# WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (\$)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adult persons (\$)	Index of man award rates of pay, full-time adult persons June 1985 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index Year 1980.81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females				All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)
1987-88— May June	481.70	316.40	464.80	1142 1143	1.38	179.0	170.4	170.1	180.8	176.1	188.2	203.3	179.2	156.9
1988-89— July				1146										
August	486.20	319.60	470.90	1147	1.33									
September				1172		182.4	175.1	170.8	188.0	179.0	191.1	205.6	180.6	158.1
October				1176										
November	505.20	328.70	484.90	1177	1.48									
December				1178		186.2	177.9	176.0	199.7	181.8	191.7	206.0	181.5	161.9
January				1181										
February	511.60	334.80	492.30	1182	1.41	188.0	180.5	175.9	197.7	183.1	193.6	210.1	191.1	163.2
March				1204										
April				1208										
May p	519.10	339.00	501.10	1210	1.46									
June				1210		192.6	186.2	180.8	208.1	185.0	198.2	214.6	192.1	165.0
1989-90— July				1211										

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0

# BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Price indexes(a)										Private new capital expenditure(b) \$ m				
	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0)	Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0)	Buildings and structures		Equipment, plant and machinery	
	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.		Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.			Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.
1987-88— May June	2,562.3 2,182.2	2,301.5 2,064.0	15.3 16.0	14.2 15.1	457.2 355.0	6,014.2 6,003.6	38.2 38.9	38.9	118.8 119.7	204.8 206.2	2,400	2,377	4,352	4,037	
1988-89— July August September October November December January February March April May June	2,272.1 2,313.1 2,336.4 2,100.2 2,491.3 2,248.1 2,290.4 2,070.0 2,659.4 2,432.4 3,024.2 2,584.4	2,346.8 1,979.4 2,316.8 2,153.4 2,283.9 2,428.4 2,699.4 2,496.3 2,718.8 2,472.4 2,626.2 2,458.2	15.0 17.9 16.9 15.6 17.3 13.9 12.5 14.5 15.4 14.8 17.2 15.4	15.3 16.2 16.4 15.3 15.5 15.3 15.5 15.7 15.9 15.5 15.5 14.8	160.5 218.9 190.7 201.1 216.4 530.8 262.4 259.3 357.2 321.1 365.4 369.2	7,311.2 6,884.5 6,578.8 7,259.4 46.5 7,403.3 7,819.8 40.4 43.1 n.y.a. n.y.a.	44.9 42.6 45.2 46.5 45.2 43.1 43.1 n.y.a. n.y.a.	42.6 45.2 46.5 45.2 45.2 45.2 45.2 45.2 45.2 45.2 45.2 45.2	120.5 121.5 122.4 123.6 124.8 125.5 126.5 127.3 128.8 p129.9 p130.7 p131.3	207.0 208.1 209.4 211.3 213.4 214.3 215.8 216.5 218.2 p220.0 p221.0 p222.6	2,730 2,242 2,272 2,730 2,384 2,263 2,630 2,940 2,916	2,384 2,377 3,675 2,384 4,767 2,630 4,074 4,748	4,767 3,848 4,461 4,534 4,391		
1989-90— July	2,040.9	2,084.8	12.0	12.1	227.0				p131.8	p224.2					

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

## FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short- dated (e) per cent
	Original	Seas. adj.	Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m	
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1987-88—										
May	60,150	60,124	47,026	47,239	47,526	47,159	1,610	421	101	12.30
June	61,756	61,142	48,938	48,660	48,831	48,945	1,926	405	100	11.70
1988-89—										
July	63,240	62,263	48,943	48,896	48,998	48,657	1,458	339	82	12.05
August	64,581	63,650	48,354	49,062	49,734	50,054	1,682	322	96	12.30
September	65,277	64,754	49,151	49,626	50,720	51,188	1,458	336	88	12.90
October	64,818	64,548	52,096	52,213	52,834	52,506	1,475	300	93	13.05
November	65,711	65,853	53,413	53,499	53,660	53,976	1,904	333	99	13.30
December	67,628	67,134	55,652	55,364	54,365	54,084	1,485	241	102	13.85
January	n.a.	n.a.	55,782	56,154	n.a.	n.a.	1,319	183	84	14.65
February	n.a.	n.a.	57,504	57,924	n.a.	n.a.	1,523	213	97	15.05
March	n.a.	n.a.	54,503	58,575	n.a.	n.a.	1,614	190	107	15.15
April	n.a.	n.a.	60,816	59,718	n.a.	n.a.	1,346	160	96	14.85
May	n.a.	n.a.	60,637	60,633	n.a.	n.a.	1,649	165	143	15.70
June	n.a.	n.a.	60,728	62,506	n.a.	n.a.	1,059	144	128	15.40
1989-90—										
July	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	976	107	127.0	15.10

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds.

**NATIONAL ACCOUNTS**  
(\$ million)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1987-88—														
March qtr	71,979	75,412	2,429	3,205	69,550	72,207	42,024	43,680	12,920	13,634	12,727	14,014	3,910	4,526
June qtr	75,326	77,815	1,821	2,924	73,505	74,891	43,781	44,588	13,819	13,422	15,783	15,343	4,476	3,597
1988-89—														
September qtr	79,889	79,314	2,672	3,348	77,217	75,966	45,633	45,693	13,722	13,800	15,462	15,260	3,759	4,269
December qtr	89,017	82,254	6,085	3,219	82,952	79,035	49,930	47,022	14,462	14,056	17,638	16,798	4,823	4,582
March qtr	81,337	85,795	2,269	3,159	79,068	82,636	46,566	48,678	13,470	14,222	16,045	17,684	3,952	4,563
June qtr	85,333	87,970	1,853	2,978	83,480	84,992	49,202	50,037	15,440	14,995	18,450	17,968	5,589	4,641
AT AVERAGE 1984-85 PRICES														
1987-88—														
March qtr	57,491	60,143	1,475	2,106	56,016	58,037	33,119	34,426	10,778	11,424	9,839	10,838	3,106	3,598
June qtr	58,807	60,638	1,165	1,906	57,642	58,732	33,894	34,494	11,515	11,107	11,977	11,620	3,529	2,830
1988-89—														
September qtr	60,255	60,360	1,394	2,050	58,861	58,310	34,730	34,740	11,184	11,307	11,457	11,335	2,951	3,355
December qtr	66,949	61,471	4,285	2,092	62,664	59,379	37,345	35,205	11,643	11,291	13,093	12,453	3,763	3,571
March qtr	59,407	62,605	1,426	2,112	57,981	60,493	34,403	35,984	10,823	11,475	11,820	13,073	2,976	3,442
June qtr	60,996	62,991	1,226	2,157	59,760	60,834	35,635	36,221	12,187	11,760	13,467	13,040	4,159	3,448

AT CURRENT PRICES—continued

Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Wages, salaries and supplements		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Household income (original)			
							Private corporate		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements	Total household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1987-88—														
March qtr	13,331	13,880	13,394	13,463	36,246	37,109	10,716	11,916	16,166	17,761	36,225	56,559	12,064	44,495
June qtr	13,099	13,370	12,946	12,877	38,083	38,046	11,890	12,400	15,966	18,062	38,068	59,931	15,914	44,017
1988-89—														
September qtr	14,279	13,702	12,726	13,055	39,096	38,770	13,228	12,882	18,548	18,370	39,082	60,996	12,252	48,744
December qtr	15,169	14,839	13,508	13,221	41,873	40,429	15,002	13,546	22,906	19,024	41,852	69,024	11,781	57,243
March qtr	15,003	15,642	13,397	13,478	40,766	42,259	12,696	14,092	17,747	19,560	40,745	62,702	13,381	49,321
June qtr	16,294	16,652	14,393	14,327	43,244	43,274	13,808	14,364	17,835	20,040	43,336	67,977	18,482	49,495

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**SURVEY  
OF JOB  
VACANCIES  
(c)**

**LABOUR FORCE(a)**

Month	Employed ('000 persons)				Unemployed ('000 persons)				Unemployment rate (per cent)		Participation rate (per cent)		Number of job vacancies ('000)
	Full time workers		Total		Looking for full time work		Total		Original	Sear adj.	Original	Sear adj.	
	Original	Sear adj.	Original	Sear adj.	Original	Sear adj.	Original	Sear adj.					
1988—													
June	5,883.3	5,915.4	7,378.3	7,380.8	459.6	467.3	549.1	582.6	7.2	7.3	62.2	62.3	65.8
July	5,933.6	5,926.1	7,381.1	7,379.5	431.5	446.3	518.8	541.0	6.6	6.8	61.8	61.9	
August	5,874.6	5,945.8	7,353.4	7,422.2	445.4	458.6	538.7	563.0	6.8	7.1	61.6	62.3	
September	5,981.0	5,972.0	7,303.2	7,465.8	438.7	448.6	554.6	559.1	6.9	7.0	62.8	62.5	
October	6,016.3	6,006.4	7,477.3	7,465.0	406.0	438.5	507.9	548.4	6.4	6.8	62.1	62.3	
November	5,992.6	6,003.6	7,508.7	7,483.6	391.3	425.3	488.4	537.1	6.1	6.7	62.1	62.3	66.7
December	6,103.3	6,026.8	7,622.9	7,531.2	442.4	436.4	563.3	556.1	6.9	6.9	63.4	62.7	
1989—													
January	6,015.3	6,025.4	7,424.9	7,573.0	477.2	437.5	592.4	565.6	7.4	6.9	62.0	63.0	72.5
February	6,076.8	6,058.2	7,569.7	7,617.8	471.6	432.1	598.1	551.4	7.3	6.7	63.1	63.1	
March	6,081.4	6,049.6	7,538.3	7,569.9	416.6	397.5	546.3	501.5	6.7	6.2	63.1	62.2	
April	6,113.5	6,122.8	7,683.2	7,662.9	389.8	386.9	516.1	497.3	6.3	6.1	63.1	62.8	
May	6,122.5	6,138.2	7,729.3	7,721.2	402.8	402.4	518.5	516.3	6.3	6.3	63.4	63.3	
June	6,125.3	6,160.1	7,720.5	7,723.2	378.2	384.1	477.4	489.3	5.8	6.0	62.9	63.0	73.1
July	6,172.2	6,164.6	7,751.8	7,749.0	380.6	393.8	483.4	506.5	5.9	6.1	63.1	63.2	
August	6,108.9	6,184.0	7,727.6	7,800.0	370.1	381.5	469.4	492.3	5.7	5.9	62.7	63.4	

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about three-fifths of one per cent of the population of Australia. (b) Estimates from December 1987 onwards are based on 1986 census benchmarks. For further information see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (c) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see *Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0).

**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)**  
(<sup>'000 persons</sup>)

Month	Australia												Total Public and Private	
	Public													
	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Private	Common- wealth	State(b)	Local		Total
1988—														
January	2,042.1	1,610.9	806.8	483.4	504.5	148.0	50.3	121.4	4,097.3	428.5	1,087.3	154.2	1,670.0	5,767.4
February	2,090.0	1,642.5	818.8	491.7	516.8	149.6	49.8	125.1	4,177.8	432.1	1,118.3	156.2	1,706.7	5,884.4
March	2,093.7	1,656.1	828.7	494.7	522.7	150.6	50.7	126.2	4,193.2	432.8	1,141.1	156.2	1,730.0	5,923.2
April	2,099.0	1,640.6	829.0	491.0	518.7	146.7	52.0	125.0	4,169.9	430.4	1,148.7	155.0	1,734.0	5,903.9
May	2,115.6	1,652.4	843.1	492.7	521.8	149.5	53.0	126.4	4,209.9	432.9	1,155.9	155.7	1,744.6	5,954.5
June	2,109.1	1,646.3	842.2	491.2	520.8	148.6	54.1	126.4	4,198.9	431.7	1,152.6	155.5	1,739.8	5,938.7
July	2,063.6	1,662.9	871.7	482.0	509.5	149.0	56.9	125.5	4,202.0	426.6	1,137.6	154.8	1,719.1	5,921.1
August	2,089.7	1,685.0	883.9	487.6	512.8	151.3	58.0	126.0	4,255.8	427.3	1,155.8	155.8	1,738.4	5,964.3
September (c)	2,115.8	1,701.6	894.9	492.4	519.5	152.3	57.9	125.4	4,260.6	489.1	1,155.2	155.0	1,799.3	6,059.9
October	2,108.7	1,696.4	894.1	487.7	515.3	150.9	56.0	126.0	4,304.4	426.7	1,148.5	155.5	1,730.7	6,035.1
November	2,123.2	1,713.4	898.0	491.9	517.4	152.4	55.7	126.8	4,345.7	427.8	1,148.4	158.8	1,733.1	6,078.8
December	2,127.0	1,729.9	886.5	492.3	521.6	154.3	55.7	126.2	4,369.2	434.6	1,141.9	157.8	1,724.3	6,093.5
1989—														
January	2,085.0	1,688.3	906.0	488.6	507.0	149.7	53.9	118.9	4,341.5	419.5	1,080.4	153.9	1,653.7	5,995.3
February	2,118.8	1,715.3	927.7	497.7	518.5	150.2	54.6	120.7	4,418.0	422.2	1,107.2	156.2	1,685.5	6,103.5
March	2,131.2	1,730.3	934.2	499.8	528.4	151.5	55.1	122.4	4,434.2	424.3	1,137.8	156.4	1,718.5	6,152.7

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 15,000 private sector employers and 2,500 public sector employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners, Australia* (6248.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government. (c) Total, Public and Commonwealth values include temporary Australian Electoral Commission employees.

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